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the history of rats dying on the steamship *Loa* and the actual finding of infected rats on the *Limari*. These vessels call at Panama and the usual South American ports. If the Republic of Panama will properly support this office it will be an easy matter to enforce the following measures here:

(1) Limited communication of the personnel with the shore.

(2) Inspection of personnel prior to sailing.

(3) Disinfection of baggage, etc., of all persons embarking at this port.

(4) Disinfection of vessel to kill rats.

(5) Observation of steerage passengers for seven days prior to embarking.

With the exception of the observation of steerage passengers for a period of seven days these measures are being enforced now. Arrangements are being made for this observation, and it will be enforced very soon. A second disinfection to kill rats is required by the authorities in Guayaquil, and they have efficient apparatus. A second inspection of the personnel is made at Guayaquil by the service officer stationed at that port.

I do not look for an early termination of plague in South America. In my opinion we are facing a condition which may last for an indefinite period, perhaps for years.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

### *Report from Manila—Quarantine transactions.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 26, as follows:

*Quarantine transactions in the Philippine Islands during the month of March, 1904.*

PORT OF MANILA.

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| Bills of health issued: | |
| To steamers for United States ports | 3 |
| Foreign ports | 47 |
| Domestic ports | 217 |
| To sailing vessels for United States ports | 1 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 154 |
| Total | 422 |
| Vessels inspected: | |
| Steamers from United States ports | 11 |
| Foreign ports | 47 |
| Domestic ports | 201 |
| Sailing vessels from United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 155 |
| Total | 414 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected: | |
| On steamers, cabin | 1,741 |
| On steamers, steerage | 6,865 |
| On sailing vessels, cabin | 2 |
| On sailing vessels, steerage | 855 |
| Total | 9,463 |

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| Persons vaccinated: | |
| On steamers, crew | 616 |
| On steamers, passengers | 0 |
| On sailing vessels, crew | 652 |
| On sailing vessels, passengers | 0 |
| Total | 1,268 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 10,832 |
| Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected | 1,440 |
| Persons quarantined for observation, suspects and contacts | 0 |
| Persons bathed and effects disinfected | 872 |
| Steamers disinfected | 4 |
| Sailing vessels disinfected | 1 |
| Steamers fumigated to exterminate vermin | 20 |
| Sailing vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin | 9 |
| Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on vessels | 0 |
| Vessels detained in quarantine | 0 |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected on steamers | 1,961 |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected on sailing vessels | 0 |
| Pieces of baggage inspected and passed on steamers | 219 |
| Pieces of baggage inspected and passed on sailing vessels | 0 |

(Outgoing.)

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| Vessels remaining in quarantine from February | 0 |
| Steamers sailing without quarantine inspected and passed | 3 |
| Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed | 1 |
| Steamers disinfected | 2 |
| Sailing vessels disinfected | 1 |
| Crew of steamers inspected | 488 |
| Crew of sailing vessels inspected | 13 |
| Passengers of steamers inspected | 1,827 |
| Passengers of sailing vessels inspected | 0 |
| Persons bathed and effects disinfected | 1,665 |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected | 4,335 |
| Pieces of baggage inspected and passed | 2,616 |

PORT OF CEBU.

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| Bills of health issued: | |
| To steamers for United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 7 |
| Domestic ports | 122 |
| To sailing vessels for United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 19 |
| Total | 148 |
| Vessels inspected: | |
| Steamers from United States ports | 1 |
| Foreign ports | 13 |
| Domestic ports | 141 |
| Sailing vessels from United States ports | 1 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 481 |
| Total | 637 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected: | |
| On steamers, cabin | 315 |
| On steamers, steerage | 1,468 |
| On sailing vessels, cabin | 0 |
| On sailing vessels, steerage | 1,378 |
| Total | 3,161 |

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| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 4,629 |
| Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected | 2,614 |
| Persons bathed and effects disinfected | 20 |
| Persons vaccinated | 698 |
| Vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin | 0 |
| Vessels detained in quarantine | 2 |
| Steamers disinfected | 1 |
| Sailing vessels disinfected | 2 |

PORT OF ILOILO.

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| Bills of health issued: | |
| To steamers for United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 11 |
| Domestic ports | 80 |
| To sailing vessels for United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 369 |
| Total | 460 |
| Vessels inspected: | |
| Steamers from United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 12 |
| Domestic ports | 81 |
| Sailing vessels from United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 141 |
| Total | 234 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected: | |
| On steamers, cabin | 445 |
| On steamers, steerage | 900 |
| On sailing vessels, cabin | 2 |
| On sailing vessels, steerage | 726 |
| Total | 2,073 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 3,401 |
| Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected | 1,253 |
| Persons vaccinated | 380 |
| Persons bathed and effects disinfected | 0 |
| Persons detained in quarantine | 0 |
| Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on arriving vessels | 0 |
| Steamers disinfected | 1 |
| Sailing vessels disinfected | 0 |
| Steamers fumigated to exterminate vermin | 7 |
| Sailing vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin | 0 |
| Vessels detained in quarantine | 0 |

PORT OF JOLO.

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| Bills of health issued: | |
| To steamers for United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 1 |
| Domestic ports | 19 |
| To sailing vessels for United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 4 |
| Total | 24 |
| Vessels inspected: | |
| Steamers from United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 5 |
| Domestic ports | 19 |

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| Vessels inspected—Continued. | |
| Sailing vessels from United States ports | 0 |
| Foreign ports | 0 |
| Domestic ports | 19 |
| Total | 43 |
| Passengers on arriving boats inspected: | |
| On steamers, cabin | 157 |
| On steamers, steerage | 222 |
| On sailing vessels, cabin | 1 |
| On sailing vessels, steerage | 9 |
| Total | 389 |
| Persons vaccinated | 23 |
| Crew on arriving steamers inspected | 1,090 |
| Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected | 142 |
| Vessels in quarantine | 0 |

## TURKEY.

*Report from Bagdad—Disappearance of cholera.*—Vice-Consul Hürner reports, April 28, that he has received information from the local government, under date of April 21, 1904, to the effect that cholera has entirely disappeared from Bagdad.

*Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

AFRICA—*Lourenço Marquez.*—Month of March, 1904. Estimated population, 7,000. Total number of deaths, 62, including 2 from whooping cough.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres.*—Month of March, 1904. Estimated population, 903,381. Total number of deaths, 1,045, including diphtheria 3, enteric fever 10, measles 2, scarlet fever 10, smallpox 52, and 172 from tuberculosis.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended May 27, 1904. Estimated population, 1,232. Total number of deaths, 2. No deaths from contagious diseases.

*Governors Harbor.*—Two weeks ended May 14 and 29. Estimated population, 1,500. Total number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.

*Green Turtle Cay Abaco.*—Two weeks ended May 27, 1904. Estimated population, 3,314. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Nassau.*—Week ended May 31, 1904. Estimated population, 12,390. No deaths and no contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*Rouen.*—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population, 116,316. Total number of deaths, 278, including enteric fever 1, measles 2, scarlet fever 1, smallpox 4, and 57 from tuberculosis.

*St. Etienne.*—Two weeks ended May 15, 1904. Estimated population, 146,671. Total number of deaths, 122, including diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 2, and 19 from tuberculosis.

GERMANY—*Hanover.*—Month of March, 1904. Estimated popula-